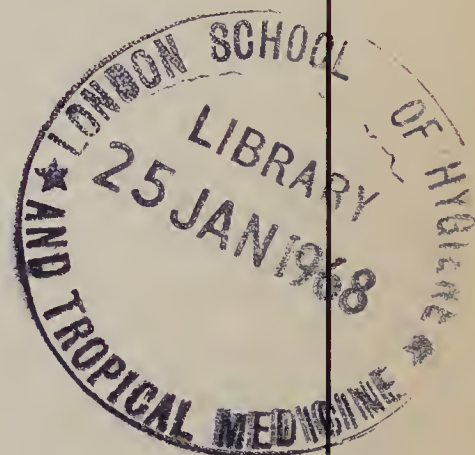




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STROOD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL  
OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1963

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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Strood Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Wright and Gentlemen,

The annual report on the state of health of the area of the Rural District Council is prepared in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 1/64 and includes details of the sanitary circumstances and administration of the district.

Comment is recorded on the vital statistics and other public health matters as they presented themselves during the year under review.

While the officers of the Health Department have a primary responsibility for control of infectious disease in the community and must remain alert to the challenge, their main task, as always, is the routine one of promoting environmental hygiene now recorded in more detail within the report which also indicates the diversity of their duties.

Throughout the year the gypsies at Fairmount Caravan Site, Cobham retained pre-eminence as the major matter of public health interest, although constituting little threat to the health of the adjoining village community. During the early months of the year the gypsies had to contend with the very severe winter and the conditions generally on the site deteriorated markedly.

Accumulations of all forms of rubbish became commonplace and damage to the communal washing and toilet facilities was extensive. Although the officers of the Health Department visited the site regularly and succeeded from time to time via the Camp Manager in organising disposal of refuse, one could only claim temporary improvement.

The Rural District Council made representations to the County Council and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and also sent deputations who stressed in particular the long term programme of rehabilitation and education essential to effect an improvement - however, no useful purpose was served by these exercises other than

a ventilation of the problem.

Towards the end of the year the Council set up a site for 12 caravans at Cuxton and profiting by their experience at Cobham provided individual toilet facilities for each family as well as electric light, laundry rooms and refuse holders - all at reasonable rental.

The twelve families were selected from the main gypsy camp which had its licence amended from the original 50 caravans to 38.

#### OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS

Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963 came into operation on 1st January, 1964. The Act requires the licensing by the local authority of any premises where cats or dogs are accommodated as a business. The four boarding establishments in the area of the District Council were inspected and found satisfactory.

Meat Inspection Regulations 1963 came into operation on 1st October, 1963. The Act among other matters requires that all meat at a slaughterhouse must be inspected and not removed from the slaughterhouse until this has been done and marked fit for human consumption.

The operation of the Act involved the Public Health Inspectorate in further duty outside normal working hours as the throughput increased but for several years the ideal of 100% inspection of carcasses at the slaughterhouse had been routine accomplishment.

#### ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The kilns at one of the cement works in the district ceased to operate but owing to their situation on the river front the adjoining City area gained most benefit from the cessation of high level emission. The works continued solely for the grinding and bagging of clinker.

#### HOUSING ACT 1957

Four houses were dealt with by Closing Order as unfit for human habitation and seven of a similar category by demolition order.

Apart from Cliffe Woods area which was the subject of a comprehensive report, and where there may be upwards of 20 unfit properties when detailed inspection of all the properties in the area is undertaken, there now only remain a few small pockets of unfit properties as well as individual unfit houses for further action.

## STATISTICS

### POPULATION

31,360

The steady growth in numbers of persons resident in the area continued, the present figure being 1,090 in excess of previous year's Registrar General's estimate.

### TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS

692

The total was 102 in excess of the previous year's figure and gave Corrected Birth Rate of 21.17% per 1000 population which was markedly in excess of the national average of 18.2%.

### STILLBIRTHS

11

The Stillbirth Rate was 15.65% being well below the National Average for England and Wales of 17.2%

### ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS

29

This figure was 5 fewer than the total for the previous year and expressed as a percentage of total births was 4.19% as compared with 6.9% for England and Wales.

### TOTAL INFANT DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR

13

The mortality rate for infants under 1 year was 19.06% as compared to the National figure of 21.1%. Included in the total of infants deaths were 9 infants who died within the first month of life.

### TOTAL DEATHS

301

40% of the total deaths occurred in age group of 75 and over.

The Corrected Death Rate of 11.9% per 1000 population compared favourably with the National average for England and Wales of 12.2% per 1000 population.

### Main causes of death

(a) Degenerative disease of the Circulatory System -

47% of total deaths

(b) Cancer -

20% of total deaths

Cancer of the lung was certified as cause of death in 10 males and 5 females.

(c) Disease of Respiratory System -

13% of the total deaths

being mainly pneumonia and bronchitis.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Measles This infection was prevalent during the first 6 months of the year being a carry over from the later months of the previous year.

94% of all notifications received were in relation to measles, and one death of a child aged 2 years occurred from broncho pneumonia associated with measles.

Dysentery Nine cases notified.

Tuberculosis The total number of new cases detected was 8. At the end of the year there were 157 names on the Tuberculosis Register being a fall of 4 from the previous year.

There were 3 deaths one being a child aged 6 years from Tuberculous Meningitis.

Malaria One case was notified in an individual whose illness developed shortly after return from Kenya.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Health Department Officers rely on the co-operation of the other departments of the Council and outside bodies in varying degree in their every day efforts to improve the standard of Public Health in the area, and thanks are recorded for such service.

In addition I am once more grateful to those who have helped in the preparation of the report, and to the Health Committee for the interest they have shown in all matters brought to their attention over the year.

Yours respectfully,

L.F. McWILLIAMS

Medical Officer of Health

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E.J. Bristow

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VITAL STATISTICS

1963

Area of district .....	48,413 acres
Estimated mid year Resident Population .....	31,360
Number of inhabited houses .....	10,141
Rateable value at 1st April, 1964 .....	£2,228,790
1st April, 1963 .....	£2,159,010
1st April, 1962 .....	£724,286
Sum represented by Penny Rate 1st April, 1964 .....	£8,571
1st April, 1963 .....	£8,653
1st April, 1962 .....	£3,105

Total births (live and still) .....	703
Live births .....	692
Birth rate (after comparability factor has been applied).	21.17
Rate for England and Wales .....	18.2
Still-births .....	11
Still-birth rate .....	15.65
Rate for England and Wales .....	17.2
Deaths .....	301
Death rate (after comparability factor has been applied).	11.90
Rate for England and Wales .....	12.2
Infantile Mortality rate .....	19.06
Rate for England and Wales .....	21.1

INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN THE STROOD RURAL DISTRICT  
WHERE MORE THAN 20 PERSONS ARE EMPLOYED

Alpha Cement Company,	Cliffe	...	Cement
Atlas Stone Company,	Shorne	...	Artificial stone
Berry Wiggins & Co. Ltd.,	Hoo	...	Oil refinery
B.P. Refinery (Kent) Ltd.,	Grain	...	Oil refinery
British Basket & Besto Co. Ltd.,	Cuxton	...	Basket making
British Uralite Limited,	Higham	...	Asbestos cement
Burnett & Rolfe Limited,	Frindsbury	...	Dairy & Brewery plant
Leeming & Co.(Cobham) Ltd.,	Cobham	...	Paints and varnishes
London & Rochester Trading Co.,	Frindsbury	...	Tarpauling & sails; Barge repairs
J.J. Maybank (Strood) Ltd.,	Frindsbury	...	Waste paper recovery
Medway Buildings & Supplies Ltd.,	Frindsbury	...	Timber buildings
Rugby Portland Cement Co.Ltd.,	Halling	...	Cement
South Eastern Gas Board,	Grain	...	Gas from oil
Turner, King & Shepherd Ltd.,	Cuxton	...	Paints, etc.
Waller Engineering Limited,	Meopham	...	Light engineering

# CAUSES OF DEATH

(from General Register Office, Somerset House, W.C.2.)

Cause of Death	Under 4 Weeks		4 weeks and under 1 year		1-4		5-14		15-24		25-34		35-44		45-54		55-64		65-74		75 and over	
	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Tuberculosis, Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Lung, bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1
Cancer - Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	2	2	-	-
Cancer - Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Other Cancers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	6	-	3	6	-	2
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous Systems	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	2	6	8	20	-
Coronary Disease - Angina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	6	1	7	12	11	-
High Blood Pressure with Heart disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Heart disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-
Other Circulatory disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	-	6	9	-
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	4	7	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	8	-
Bronchitis	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2	1	4	1	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Prostate disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	2	6	3	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
TOTAL	7	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	-	-	1	2	6	2	7	10	38	16	48	32	53	68

# ANALYSIS OF AGE GROUPS OF DEATHS OCCURRING DURING 1963

(as notified from Registrar's Office, Guildhall, Rochester)

PARISH	AGE GROUPS										
	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 and over
Allhallows	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	3
Cliffe	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	10	14
Cobham	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	3	3	9
Cooling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Cuxton	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	3	5
Frindsbury	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	4	3	11	11
Halling	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	6	12	19
Higham	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	6	10	11
High Halstow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	3
Hoo	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	8	13	12
Isle of Grain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	6
Luddesdown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meopham	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	8	9	13
St. Mary Hoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Shorne	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	3	10
Stoke	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	4
TOTALS	9	4	2	3	-	3	8	17	54	80	121
Percentage of Total Deaths	2.99%	1.33%	.66%	1.0%	-	1.0%	2.65%	5.65%	17.94%	26.58%	40.20%

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS  
DISEASES AND OTHER DISEASES

Tabulated statement of cases notified in each Parish:

PARISH	Tuber- culosis		Pneumonia	Malaria	Erysipelas	Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles
	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary								
Allhallows	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Cliffe	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cobham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Cooling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuxton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
Frindsbury	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	30
Halling	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Higham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
High Halstow	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	19
Hoo	3	-	-	1	-	5	-	1	1	176
Isle of Grain	1	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	85
Luddesdown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meopham	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
St. Mary Hoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Shorne	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8
Stoke	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
TOTALS	5	3	1	1	1	9	1	1	3	402

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS  
DISEASES AND OTHER DISEASES

Tabulated statement of cases notified in  
each month of 1963:

1963	Tuber- culosis		Pneumonia	Malaria	Erysipelas	Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles
	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary								
January	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55
February	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58
March	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	95
April	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	25
May	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	71
June	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	73
July	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	16
August	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	9
September	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	5	3	1	1	1	9	1	1	3	402

# TUBERCULOSIS

Statement of particulars appearing on the  
Register of Notifications of Tuberculosis  
for the year ended 31st December, 1963

	PULMONARY			NON-PULMONARY			PULMONARY AND NON- PULMONARY
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
(a) No. of Cases on Register at the commencement of the year.....	62	55	117	25	19	44	161
(b) No. of Cases notified under the Regulations for the first time.....	3	2	5	2	1	3	8
(c) No. of Cases restored to Register.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Other additions during year.....	4	5	9	-	-	-	9
(e) No. of Cases removed from Register during the year.....	11	7	18	1	2	3	21
(f) No. of Cases remaining on Register at the end of the year....	58	55	113	26	18	44	157

# IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA AND WHOOPING COUGH

The following table shows the number of persons who were immunised against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough during 1963

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation (Singly or in combination)		Whooping Cough Immunisation (Singly or in combination)
	Primary	Re-inforcing	Primary
1963	225	Nil	223
1962	232	4	229
1961	12	204	12
1960	4	77	4
1959	4	19	3
1954-1958	7	212	2
1949-1953	3	4	1
TOTALS	487	520	474

## POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

The following are the Poliomyelitis Vaccination figures for 1963 based on the return submitted to the Ministry of Health:

Year	2 Injections (SALK)	3rd Dose (SALK and ORAL)	4th Dose (SALK and ORAL)	3 ORALS (Complete Course)
	-	-	225	-
1963	-	2	-	57
1962	-	6	-	301
1961	1	29	-	45
1957-1960	-	13	-	31
1943-1956	-	10	-	19
1933-1942	-	13	-	15
OTHERS	-	13	-	19

### SMALLPOX VACCINATION

The following table shows the smallpox vaccination figures for 1963:

PRIMARY VACCINATION ONE YEAR	RE-VACCINATION SCHOOL AGE BUT UNDER 8 YEARS
101	1

### WATER SUPPLIES

At the request of the Ministry of Health in Circular 1/64 the following comments are recorded:-

All parishes except that of Halling are provided with a public water supply operated by the Medway Water Board. Halling Parish is supplied by Mid Kent Water Company.

The water has proved to be satisfactory, both in quantity and quality, to meet the needs of the resident domestic population and 55 bacteriological and 2 chemical samples were taken during the year. Supplied from wells both within and without the Rural District, the hardness of the water ranged between 216 and 276 parts per million.

The water is not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

Details of chemical analyses of the water are shown on pages 12 and 13.

The table on page 11 shows details of supply to dwelling houses in each Parish of the Rural District.

# WATER SUPPLIES

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	No. of Houses with Indoor Water Supply	No. of Houses with Stand- pipes	No. of Houses with Public Supply	No. of Houses on Private Supply Wells & Springs
Allhallows	147	147	-	147	-
Cliffe	797	756	41	797	-
Cobham	369	369	-	369	-
Cooling	52	52	-	52	-
Cuxton	515	515	-	515	-
Frindsbury	1603	1603	-	1603	-
Halling	784	784	-	783	1
Higham	1209	1207	2	1209	-
High Halstow	317	317	-	316	1
Hoo	1307	1307	-	1305	2
Isle of Grain	266	263	3	266	-
Luddesdown	78	78	-	77	1
Meopham	1595	1593	2	1588	7
St. Mary Hoo	64	64	-	63	1
Shorne	832	828	4	830	2
Stoke	206	191	15	206	-
TOTALS	10,141	10,074	67	10,126	15
Percentage of Totals		99.34%	.66%	99.85%	.15%

## CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIES

Address:- 5, Turks Hall Place, Upper Halling.

Physical Characters. Colour Clear

Odour None

pH 7.54

Deposit None

Chemical Examination (results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension	(Dried at 100°C).....	---
Solids in Suspension	(Dried at 180°C).....	255
Solids in Solution	After ignition.....	245
Chlorides calculated as Chlorine.....		20
Bicarbonate alkalinity (Temp. Hardness).....		160
Total hardness.....		216
Free and saline ammonia (as nitrogen).....		0.02
Albuminoid ammonia (as nitrogen).....		0.01
Nitric nitrogen (Nitrates).....		2
Nitrous nitrogen (Nitrites).....		trace
Oxygen absorbed in $\frac{1}{4}$ hour at 26.7°C.....		0.59
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 26.7°C.....		0.67
Toxic metals.....		not detected
Free and combined residual chlorine on receipt.....		not detected

### Bacteriological Examination

Number of colonies developing upon Agar

(a) In 24 hours at 37°C..... Nil per ml.

(b) In three days at 22°C..... Nil per ml.

Presumptive coliform count..... Nil per 100 ml.

Including faecal coli..... Nil per 100 ml.

### OPINION:

The sample is fit for drinking.

## CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIES

Address:- 59, Stoke Road, Hoo.

Physical Characters Colour Clear

Odour None

pH 7.44

Deposit None

Chemical Examination (results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension (Dried at 100°C).....	---
Solids in Solution (Dried at 180°C).....	358
Solids in Solution After ignition.....	340
Chlorides calculated as Chlorine.....	20
Bicarbonate alkalinity (Temp. Hardness).....	245
Total hardness.....	276
Free and saline ammonia (as nitrogen).....	0.05
Albuminoid ammonia (as nitrogen).....	0.02
Nitric nitrogen (Nitrates).....	5
Nitrous nitrogen (Nitrites).....	trace
Oxygen absorbed in $\frac{1}{4}$ hour at 26.7°C.....	0.20
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 26.7°C.....	0.40
Toxic metals.....	not detected
Free and combined residual chlorine on receipt.....	not detected

### Bacteriological Examination

Number of colonies developing upon Agar

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Including faecal coli..... Nil per 100 ml.

### OPINION:

The sample is fit for drinking.

## SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths within the Rural District but one indoor pool at Upnor owned by Shaftesbury Homes is used by the boys aboard the Training Ship "Arethusa".

A swimming pool at the B.P.Club, Hoo was opened in August, 1963. This is specifically for the use of employees of B.P. Refinery and their families but some honorary members are allowed to use the pool.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

### Collection and disposal of domestic refuse

Domestic refuse is collected weekly throughout the district and is disposed of by means of controlled tipping in a disused chalk pit situated within the boundary of the City of Rochester. The refuse tip is treated regularly to prevent rat infestation and during the summer period insecticides are applied to prevent the breeding of flies and other insects.

### Cesspool and Pail closet emptying

With the exception of those areas in which a public sewer is provided cesspools are emptied, upon request, free of charge up to a maximum of four times per year.

Pail closets are emptied weekly in the Parishes of Hoo, Isle of Grain and Allhallows, and twice per week in the Parish of Stoke. A total of 193 houses have pail closets and 11 have privies.

## SEWERAGE

The extension to the sewer in the Parish of Halling has been completed and house connections made.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES SURVEY OF RURAL AREA

Sanitary Accommodation

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	Water Closets	Pail Closets	Privies
Allhallows	147	145	2	-
Cliffe	797	759	36	2
Cobham	369	362	7	-
Cooling	52	52	-	-
Cuxton	515	515	-	-
Frindsbury	1603	1584	19	-
Halling	784	774	10	-
Higham	1209	1199	4	6
High Halstow	317	307	10	-
Hoo	1307	1284	23	-
Isle of Grain	266	249	17	-
Luddesdown	78	72	6	-
Meopham	1595	1582	11	2
St. Mary Hoo	64	50	13	1
Shorne	832	823	9	-
Stoke	206	180	26	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10,141</b>	<b>9,937</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>11</b>

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES SURVEY OF RURAL AREA

Drainage facilities

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	No. of Houses connected to Public Sewer	No. of Houses draining to Cesspools, Septic Tanks, etc.
Allhallows	147	129	18
Cliffe	797	87	710
Cobham	369	299	70
Cooling	52	-	52
Cuxton	515	487	28
Frindsbury Extra	1603	1420	183
Halling	784	766	18
Higham	1209	892	317
High Halstow	317	209	108
Hoo	1307	1190	117
Isle of Grain	266	219	47
Luddesdown	78	36	42
Meopham	1595	1085	510
St. Mary Hoo	64	-	64
Shorne	832	612	220
Stoke	206	129	77
TOTALS	10,141	7,560	2,581

## HOUSING

During the year the number of houses built by the District Council was 46 and by private enterprise 489 making a total of 535 new houses.

The following is the position regarding applicants for Council houses in the district, as at December, 1962:-

Allhallows.....	20	High Halstow.....	6
Cliffe.....	48	Hoo.....	121
Cobham.....	20	Isle of Grain.....	17
Cooling.....	4	Luddesdown.....	3
Cuxton.....	10	Meopham.....	61
Frindsbury.....	155	St. Mary Hoo.....	-
Halling.....	47	Shorne.....	22
Higham.....	56	Stoke.....	22

### Five-year Slum Clearance Programme 1955-1960

The position at the end of 1962 was as follows:-

(a) Total No. of houses reported to Ministry of Housing and Local Government.....	232
(b) Total No. of houses dealt with by Department.....	232
(c) Total No. of houses demolished.....	189
(d) Total No. of families rehoused.....	163
(e) Total No. of families to be rehoused.....	9

### Three-year Slum Clearance Programme 1962-1965

The position at the end of 1962 was as follows:-

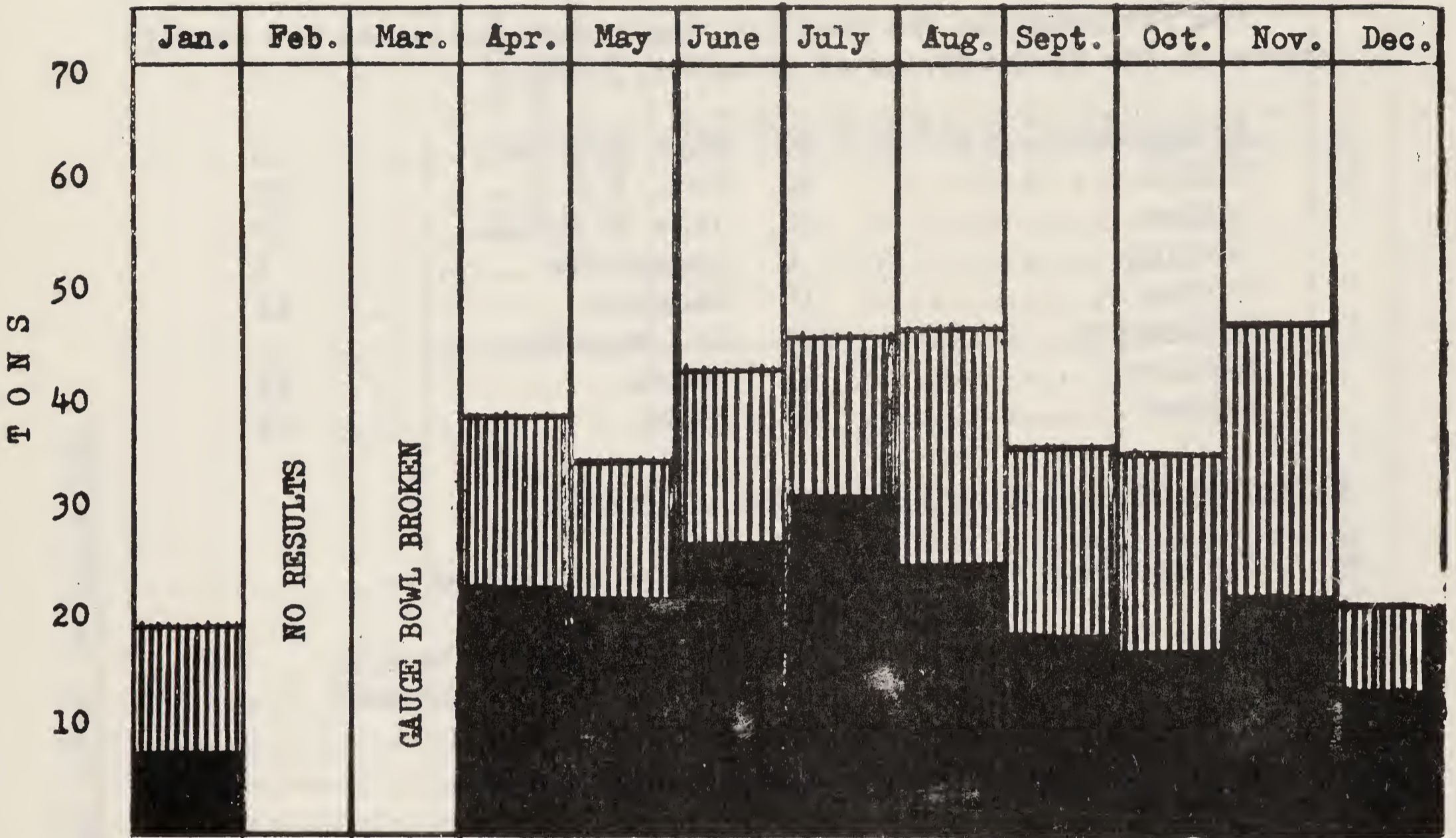
(a) Total No. of houses reported to Ministry of Housing and Local Government.....	104
(b) Total No. of houses dealt with by Department.....	93
(c) Total No. of houses demolished.....	30
(d) Total No. of families rehoused.....	45
(e) Total No. of families to be rehoused.....	28
(f) Total No. of occupied dwellings awaiting action.....	9
(g) Total No. of unoccupied premises awaiting action.....	2

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

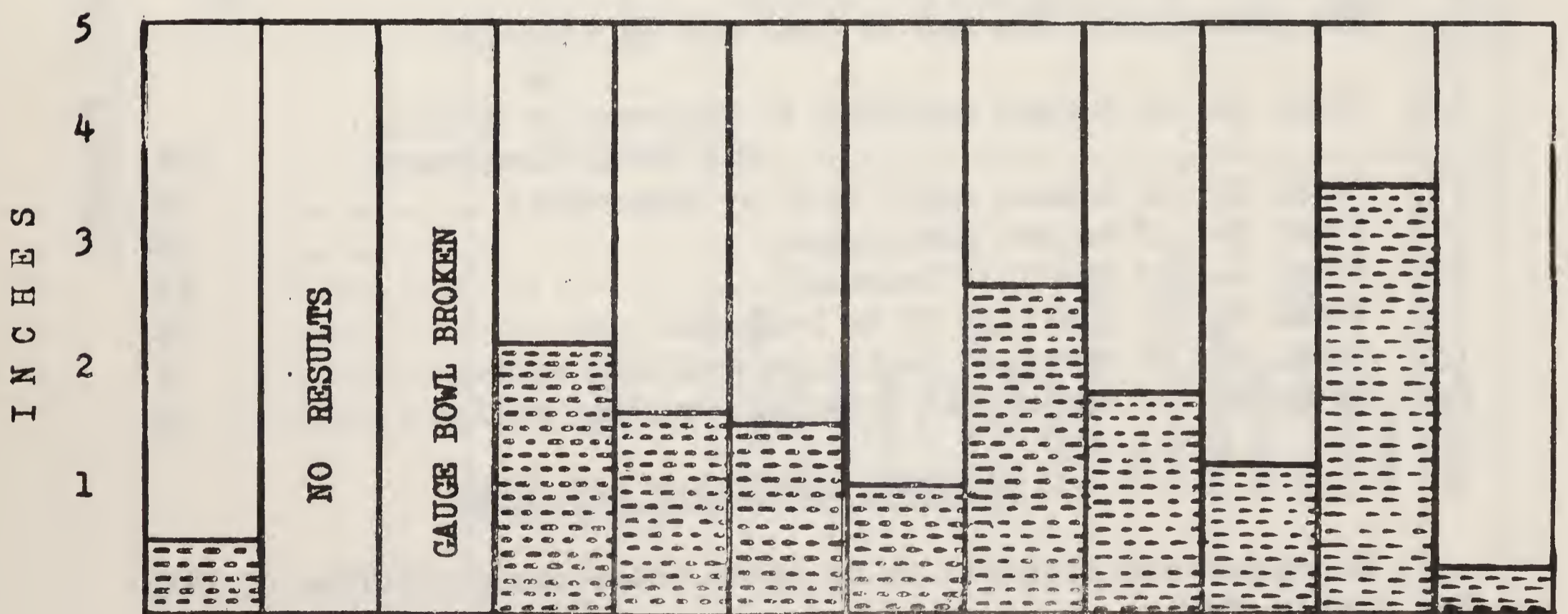
No action was required to be taken under the provisions of this Act during 1963.

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## CLIFFE



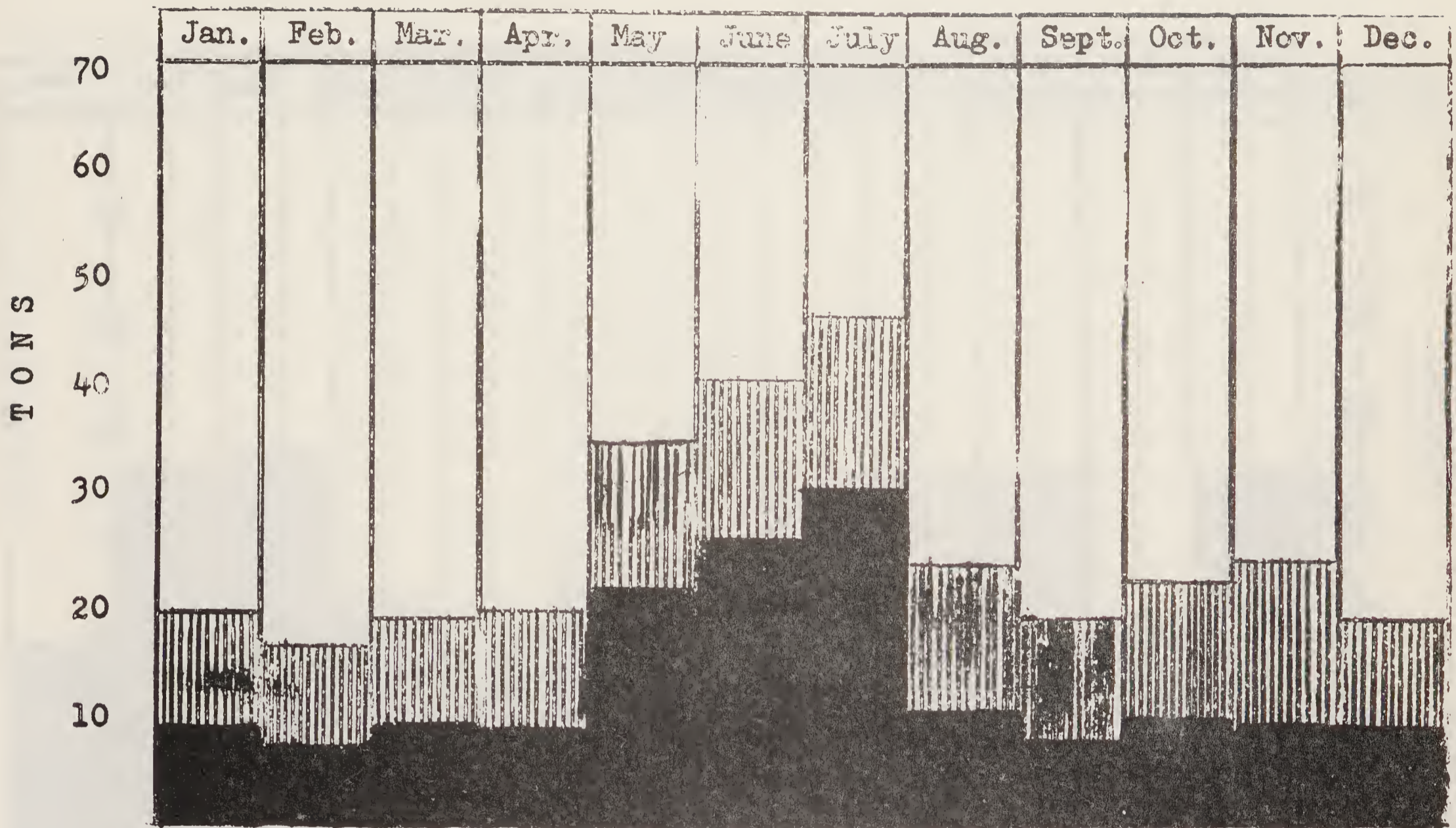
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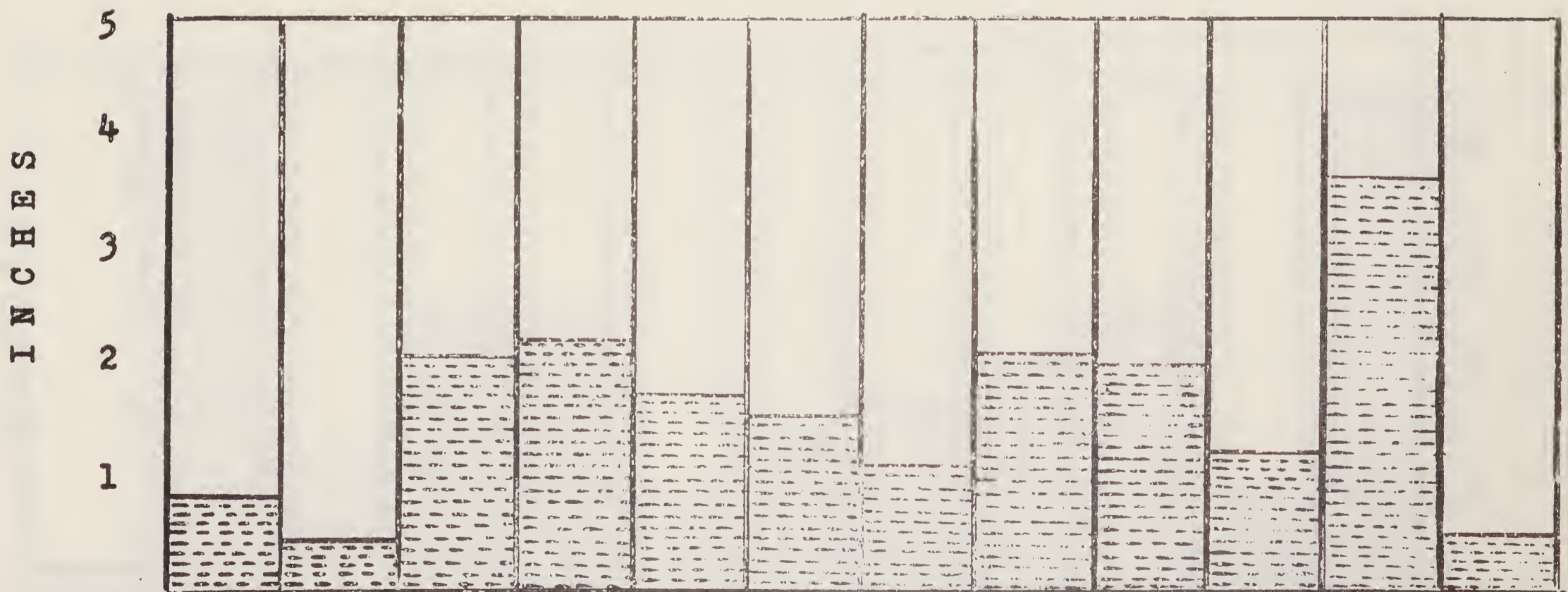
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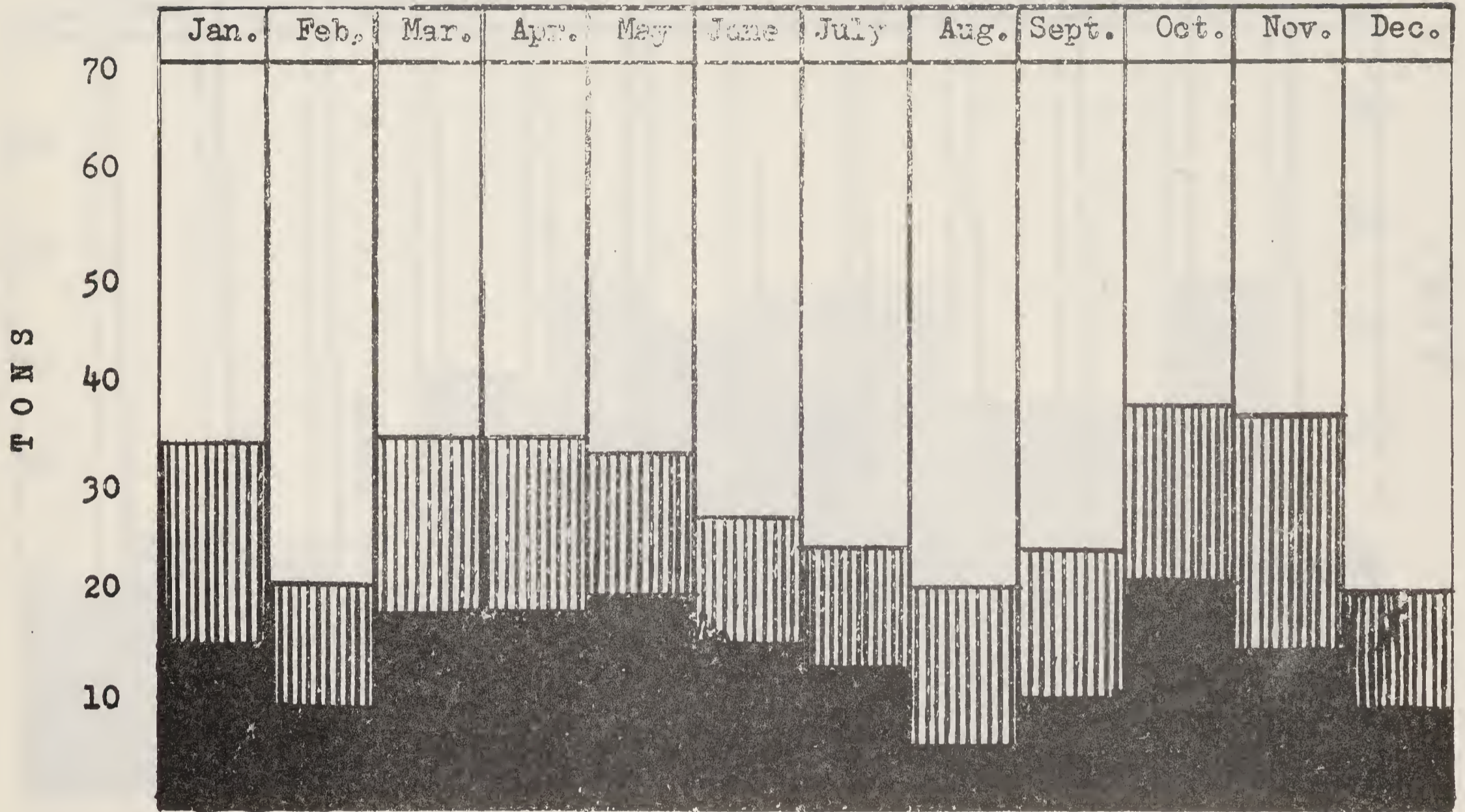
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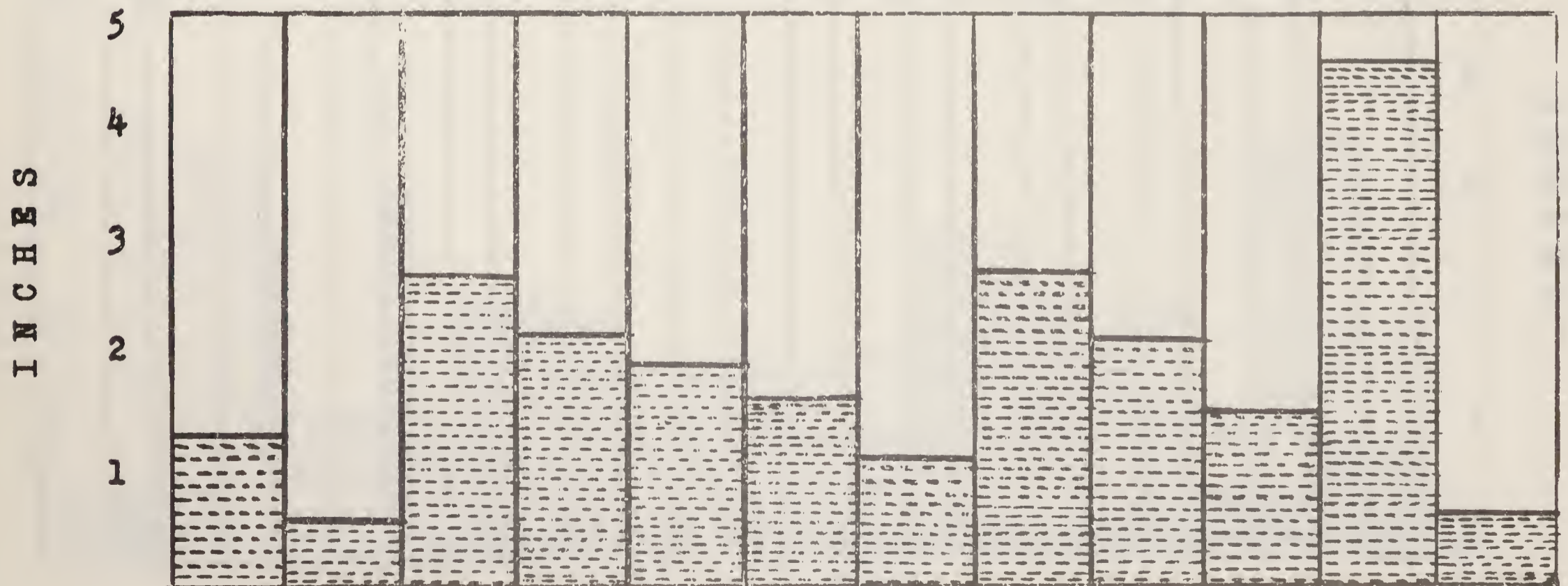
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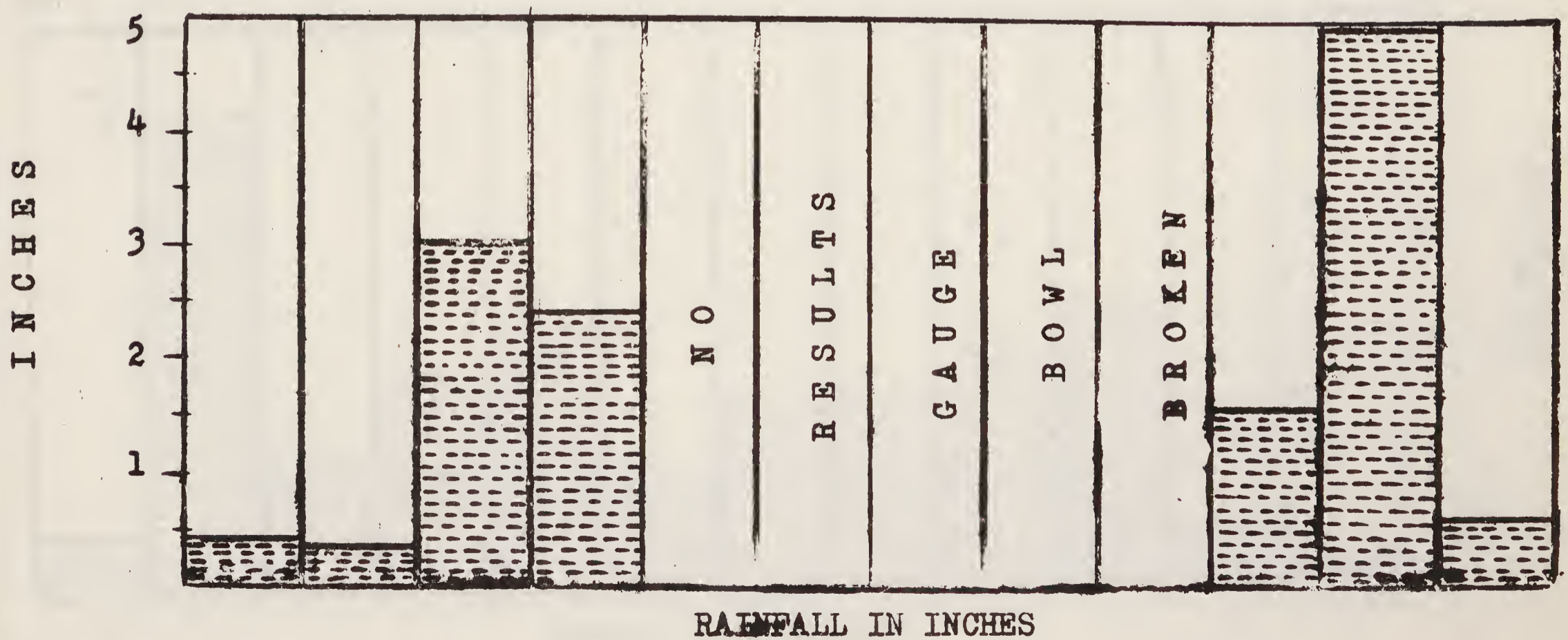
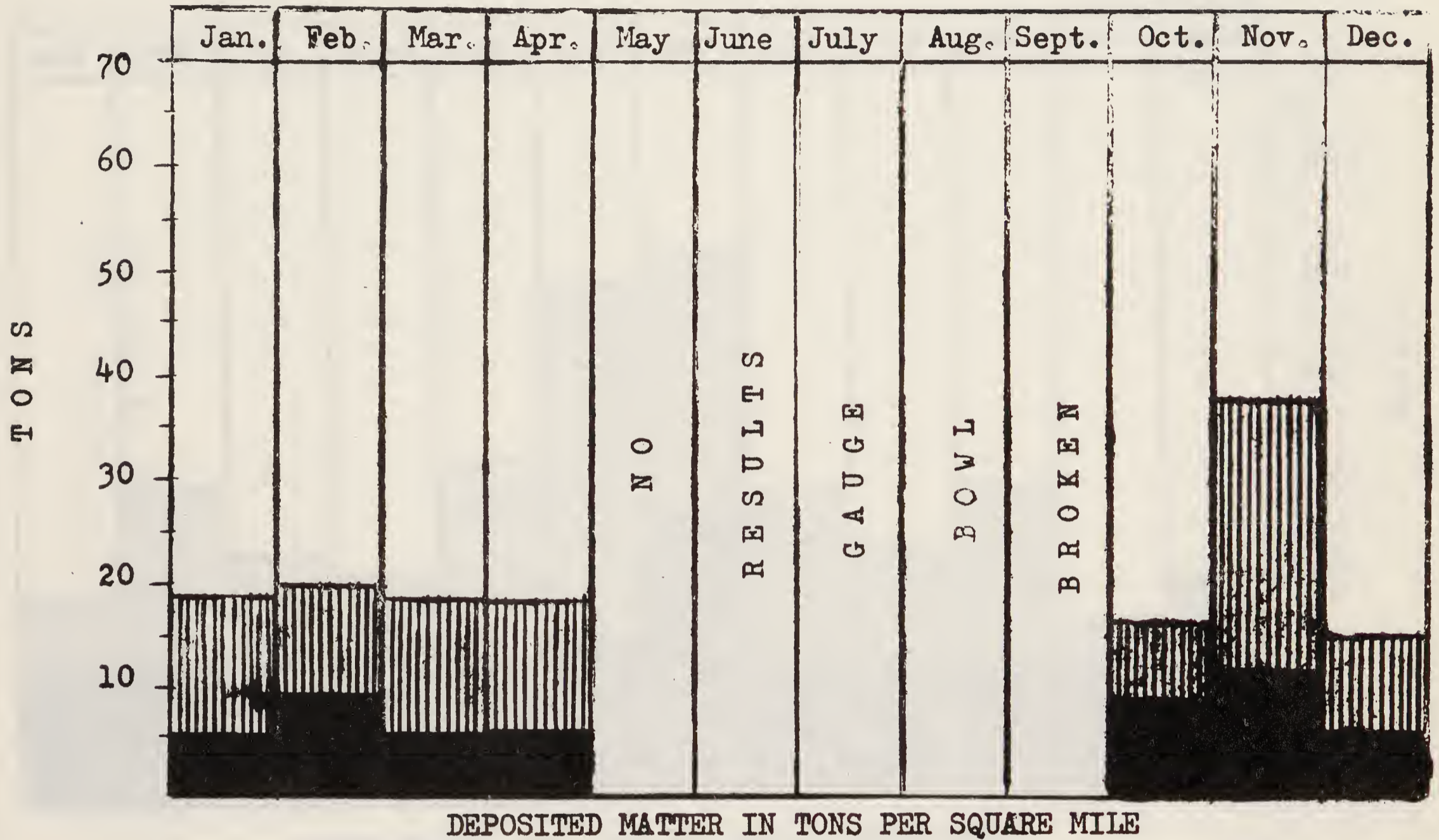
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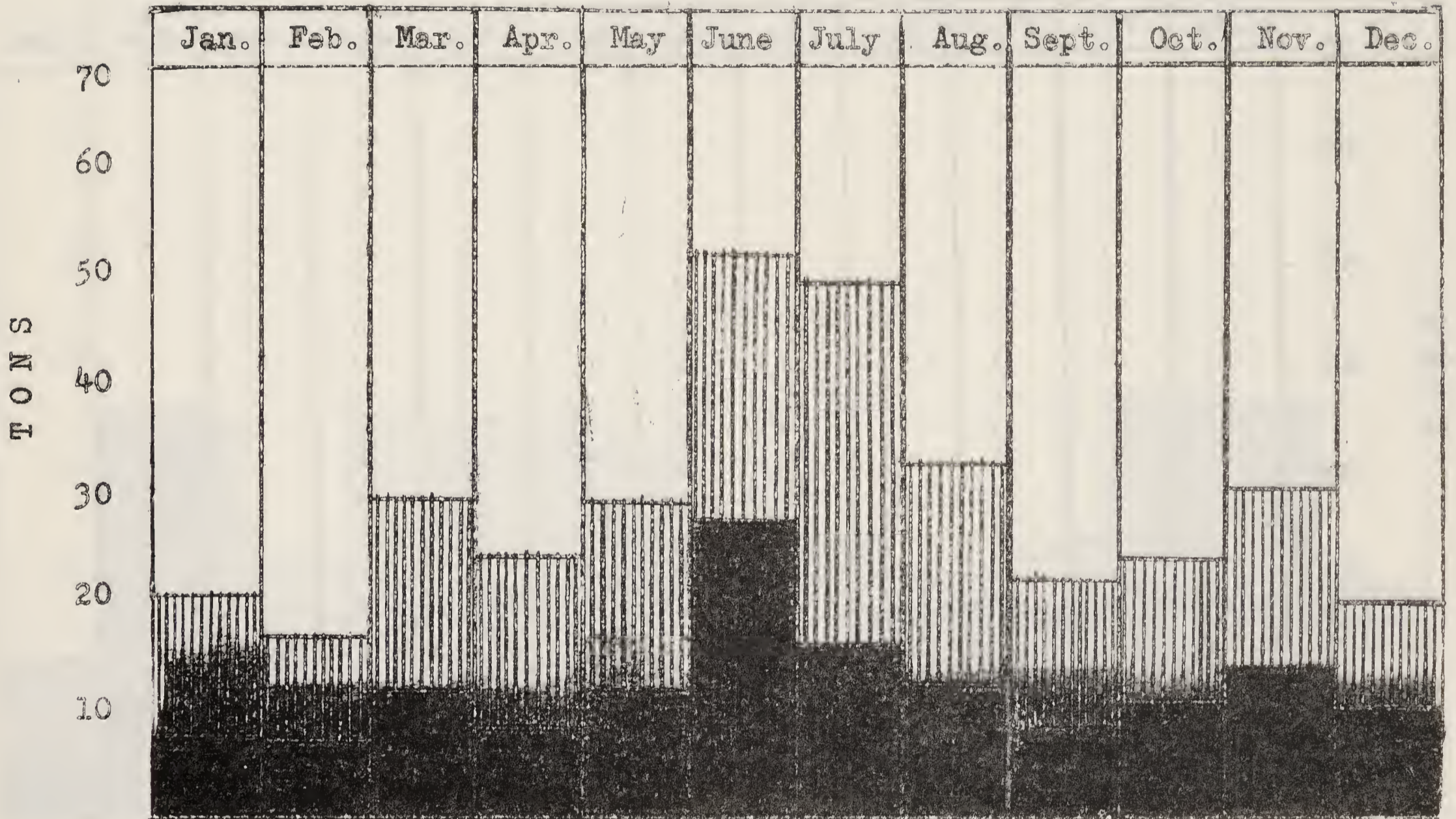
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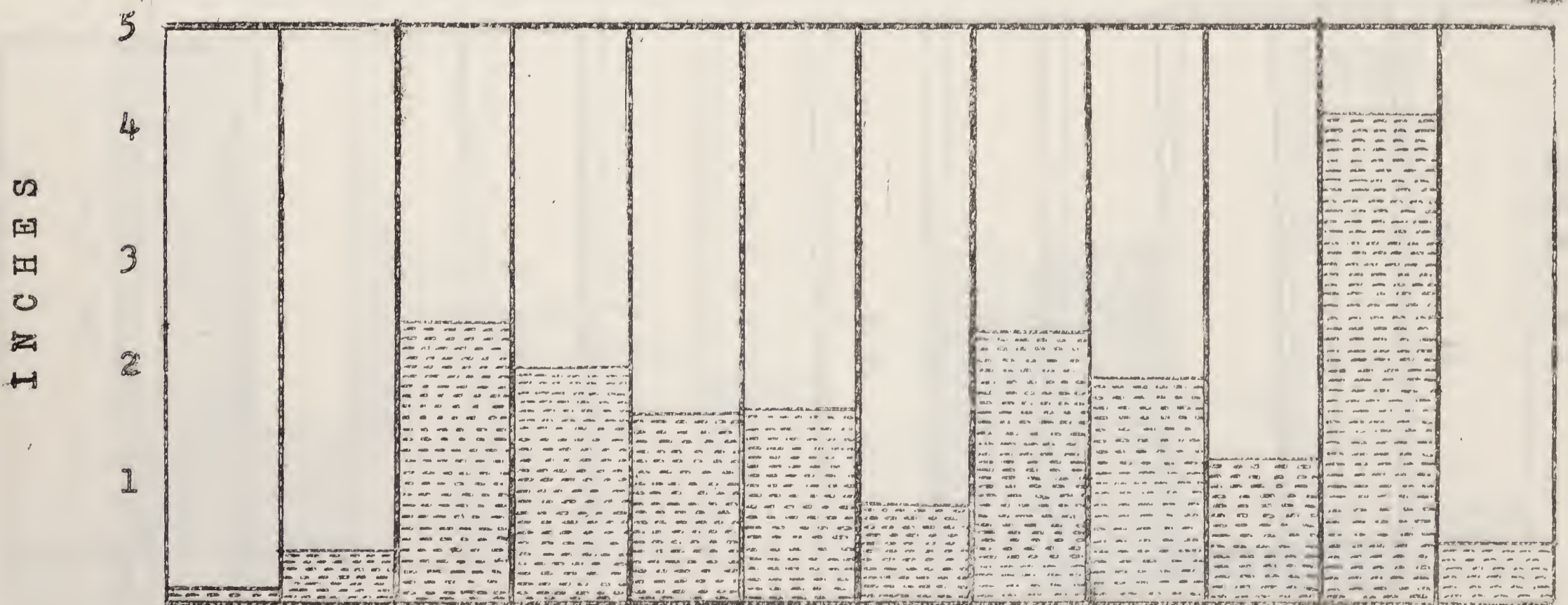


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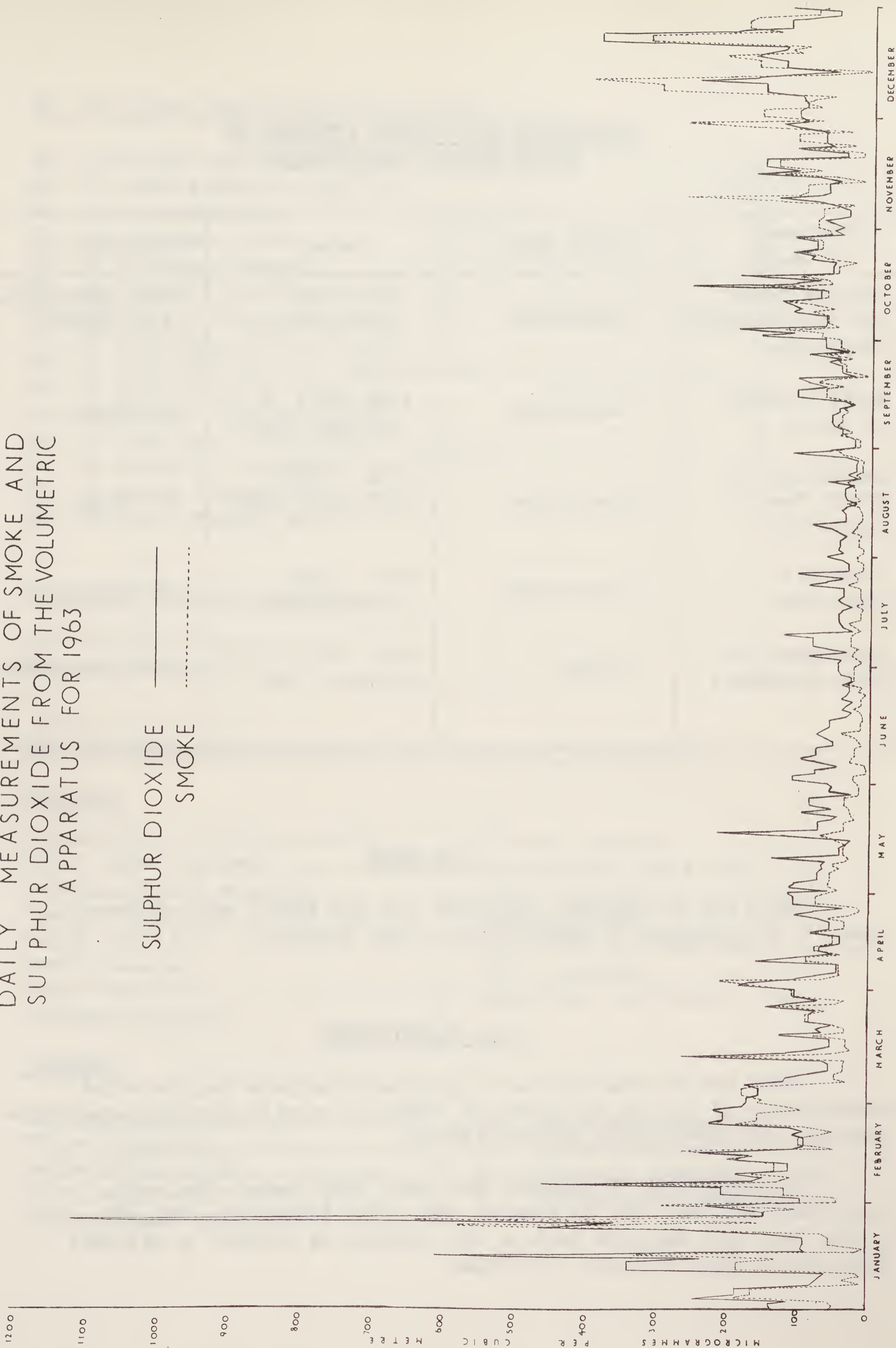
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RAINFALL IN INCHES

# DAILY MEASUREMENTS OF SMOKE AND SULPHUR DIOXIDE FROM THE VOLUMETRIC APPARATUS FOR 1963

SULPHUR DIOXIDE —————  
SMOKE - - - - -



CONFERENCES AND COURSES ATTENDED BY  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORATE

Conference or Course	Place held	Dates	Attended by
Weekend School for Public Health Inspectors	Folkestone	5th - 7th April, 1963	D.W. Horncastle J.D. Button
Royal Society of Health	Eastbourne	29th April to 3rd May, 1963	G. Wilson
Association of Public Health Inspectors	Eastbourne	24th - 27th September, 1963	G. Wilson
Clean Air Conference	Scarborough	8th - 11th October, 1963	G. Wilson
Development in Noise Abatement	Slough	8th - 9th October, 1963	D.W. Horncastle

ICE-CREAM

There are 96 premises registered for the retail sale of ice-cream. No ice-cream is manufactured on the district.

MILK DISTRIBUTION

There are 41 retailers and 2 producer/retailers registered as distributors of milk in the area and 7 dealers retailing in the area whose premises are not situated on the district.

The retailers, in general, are small shop keepers who sell sterilised milk only and no samples were taken during the year, due to the fact that the milk sold in the district is sampled by adjacent authorities where the milk is bottled.

## No. of visits under Public Health Acts

No. of houses inspected.....	250
No. of other premises inspected.....	1124
No. of re-inspections.....	178
No. of nuisances found.....	15
No. of nuisances abated.....	19
No. of informal notices served.....	7
No. of notices complied with.....	18
No. of statutory notices served.....	-
No. of statutory notices complied with.....	-
No. of inspections to caravans.....	201
No. of visits - refuse disposal.....	4
No. of inquiries of infectious diseases.....	85
No. of visits re: disinfection.....	-
No. of houses disinfected.....	-
No. of water samples taken.....	57

## Filthy or Verminous Premises

No. of houses inspected.....	3
No. of re-inspections.....	3

## The following work was carried out following inspection:-

### EXTERNAL

Accumulation of refuse removed...	1	Gutters repaired.....	4
Burst pipes repaired.....	6	Infestations dealt with...	3
Cesspool covers repaired.....	1	Roofs repaired.....	6
Cesspools emptied.....	2	Sewer cleared.....	2
D.P.C. provided.....	1	Soil vent pipe repaired...	1
Drains cleared.....	8	Walls repaired.....	6
Drains repaired.....	3	Wasp nests destroyed.....	75
Dustbins provided.....	1		

### INTERNAL

Ceilings repaired.....	4	W.C. apartments repaired...	2
Floors repaired.....	2	W.C. basins replaced.....	2
Sashcords repaired.....	3	W.C. cisterns repaired.....	2
Walls repaired.....	15	W.C. obstructions removed..	1
Window frames repaired.....	1		

## HOUSING ACTS 1936/1957

During the year the following action was taken under the Housing Acts:-

No. of houses reported.....	11
No. of Demolition Orders made.....	7
No. of Closing Orders made.....	4
No. of Undertakings given.....	25

26 houses were demolished 1 of which was not included in the slum clearance programmes.

The number of occupied houses scheduled and remaining to be dealt with at the end of the year was as follows:-

Cliffe ..... 9 (Cliffe Woods)

No. of houses inspected.....	88
No. of re-inspections.....	270
No. of houses re-visited for overcrowding.....	---
No. of miscellaneous housing visits.....	82

## RENT ACT, 1957

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair under the provisions of this Act.

## SHOPS ACT, 1950

There are 236 shops in the area and during the year 220 inspections were made in connection with arrangements for the health and comfort of shop workers, general cleanliness, and under delegated powers, Sunday trading, early closing day and closing hours.

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

637 visits were made to premises where food is sold or prepared for sale including visits to the slaughterhouse.

142 visits were made to the one slaughterhouse for the purpose of meat inspection. The table on page 27 gives the number of animals slaughtered and the percentage of diseased conditions.

# MEAT INSPECTION

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	250	89	1	527	739	-
Number inspected	250	89	1	527	739	-
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	33	35	-	2	38	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	13.20%	39.33%	-	.38%	5.14%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	5	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	.67%	-
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

# FOOD CONDEMNED

## Slaughterhouse

21	Bovine livers	Fasciola Hepatica
11	" "	Abscesses
4	" "	Adhesions
12	" "	Angiomata
13	" "	Parasitic
1	" "	Bacterial Necrosis
1	Bovine mesentery	Abscesses
1	Bovine kidney	Abscesses
2	Bovine tongues	Actinomycosis
2	" "	Actinobacillosis
1	Bovine udder	Mastitis
3	Bovine heads	Actinomycosis
2	Bovine lungs	Pleurisy
3	Bovine pleuras	Pleurisy
10-lbs.	Beef	Bruising

26	Pigs livers	Parasitic
5	Pigs heads & tongues	Tuberculosis
2	Pigs plucks	Adhesions & Parasitic
3	" "	Pneumonia
2	Pigs hearts, lungs & pleura	Pleurisy
4	Pigs hearts	Adhesions
1 pr.	Pigs lungs	Adhesions
4	Pigs hearts	Pericarditis

2	Sheep livers	Parasitic
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## Shops

57-lbs.	Beef	Bruising
8-lbs.	Pressed Ham	Putrefaction

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

2,506 inspections were carried out to all classes of premises under the provisions of the above Act.

Of the 446 premises found to be infested the owners of 3 carried out disinfection themselves and the Rodent Officer operated for the destruction of rats and mice at the remainder.

Wasp nests

A total of 75 wasp nests were destroyed during the year.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928

There were 97 installations licenced to store petroleum spirit during the year and the premises licenced to store carbide of calcium numbered 22.

62 inspections were made during the year.

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION  
OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

- 1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

PREMISES  (1)	Number on Register  (2)	Number of		
		Inspections  (3)	Written notices  (4)	Occupiers prosecuted  (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.....	4	7	0	0
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.....	64	96	0	0
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).....	4	10	0	0
TOTALS	72	113	0	0

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

PARTICULARS  (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted  (6)
	Found  (2)	Remedied  (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector  (4)	By H.M. Inspector  (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.).....	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S.2.).....	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.).....	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.).....	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.).....	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient.....	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective.....	1	1	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes.....	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).....	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	1	1	0	0	0

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Out Work

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	SECTION 133			SECTION 134		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prose- cutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing) Making Apparel) etc. ) Clean= ) ing ) and ) washing	56	0	0	0	0	0

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Details of samples taken by the County Sampling  
Officers within the STROOD RURAL DISTRICT during  
the year ended 31st December, 1963

<u>Article</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>No.</u>
Almond Flavour .....	1	B/Fwd.	28
Bilberry Pie.....	1	Instant Welsh Rarebit.....	1
Bilberry Pie Filling.....	1	Lemonade Crystals.....	1
Black Pepper.....	1	Malt Vinegar.....	1
Bronchial Mixture.....	1	Mango Chutney.....	1
Celery Hearts.....	1	Marmite.....	1
Cheddar Sandwich Biscuits.....	1	Marzipan Almond Icing.....	1
Cheese Flaps in Tomato Sauce.....	1	Menthol and Eucalyptus Sweets..	1
Choc-o-Lait Biscuits.....	1	Milk.....	37
Cold Sore Lotion.....	1	Minced Beef with Onion and	
Compound Cough Pastilles.....	1	Gravy.	1
Compound Glycerine of Thymol.....	1	Optabs.....	1
Condensed Tomato Puree.....	1	Penetrol Cough Syrup.....	1
Curried Beans with Sultanas.....	1	Pineapple Spiral Slices.....	1
Dairy Ice Cream.....	1	Pork Luncheon Meat.....	1
Dripping.....	1	Quick Sliced Onions.....	1
Fancy Cakes.....	1	Royal Game Soup.....	1
Full Cream Evaporated Milk.....	1	Rum.....	1
Gin.....	2	Sliced White Loaf.....	1
Gin and Orange Sweets.....	1	Stewed Steak.....	1
Glace Cherries.....	1	Tea.....	1
Glucose with Vitamin 'D'.....	1	Tomato Paste.....	1
Glycerine.....	1	Trex.....	1
Grated Parmesan Cheese.....	1	Turkey Soup.....	1
Hamburgers with Gravy.....	1	Vitcold.....	1
Instant Apple Flakes.....	1	Whisky.....	3
Instant Coffee.....	1	Winter Green Cream.....	1
	<u>28</u>	Total	<u>91</u>

SUMMARY

Milks .....	37
Drugs .....	9
Spirits .....	6
Other samples .....	39
	<u>91</u>

Food sampling - continued

All of the samples on page 33 were genuine with the exception of the following:-

<u>Sample of</u>	<u>Analysis</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
Fancy cakes.	Box of nine cakes. One chocolate "cream" cake had mould inside on the "cream" and where this had come in contact with the chocolate.	Written caution issued.
Sliced white loaf	Twenty-three slices of bread of which ten consecutive slices contained small pieces of soiled dough varying in size from very small to about $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{1}{2}$ ".	Proceedings pending

PERSONAL HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES IN THE  
AREA OF STROOD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

(Details supplied by courtesy of the  
County Medical Officer, Kent County  
Council and Secretary of the Medway  
and Gravesend Hospital Management  
Committee)

## PROVISION OF PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(Responsibility of Kent County Council under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946)

### AMBULANCE SERVICE

The County Council is responsible for the provision of a comprehensive ambulance service throughout the County. Other than in cases of accident and emergency, no ambulance will be provided, except at the request of a doctor, hospital, or a midwife, and for the provision of a sitting-case transport the request must be made by a medical practitioner.

In cases of accident or emergency the telephone call is passed without delay to the appropriate ambulance station which in this area is at Star Mill Lane, Chatham.

#### Ambulance Stations in the area:-

	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Star Mill Lane, Chatham.	Medway 52201/2
Coldharbour Road. Northfleet.	Gravesend 5257/8

### NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS

In the case of every child born it is the duty of the father of the child, if at the time of the birth he is actually residing on the premises where the birth takes place and of any person in attendance upon the mother at the time of, or within six hours after, the birth, to send notice of the birth within thirty-six hours, to the County Medical Officer of Health, County Hall, Maidstone. Postcards with prepaid postage for this purpose are supplied to medical practitioners, midwives, hospitals and maternity homes, upon application to the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.

## ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CLINICS

Advice and ante-natal care is given at these clinics. Post-natal examinations are carried out at ante-natal clinics.

### Clinics for Strood Rural District

Strood	-	K.C.C. Clinic, Gun Lane, Strood.	Medical Officer's session Thursday 9.30a.m.-11.30a.m. Midwives session Monday & Friday 2p.m.-4p.m. Relaxation & Mothercraft Wednesday 5.30p.m. - 8p.m. Thursday 2p.m. - 4p.m.
Gravesend	-	Child Welfare Centre, 90(c), Wrotham Road, Gravesend.	Medical Officer's session Thursday 2p.m. - 4p.m. Relaxation & Mothercraft Wednesday 2p.m. - 4p.m.
Gravesend	-	107, Rochester Road, Denton, Gravesend.	Medical Officer's session 1st and 3rd Friday afternoons. Relaxation & Mothercraft Monday 6p.m. - 7p.m.

## TUBERCULOSIS, SCHOOL CLINICS, DENTAL CLINICS, SPECIAL CLINICS

### 1. Tuberculosis

13, New Road, Rochester	-	Monday to Friday 9a.m. - 5p.m.
<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 42182	-	Saturday 9a.m. - 12 noon
Gravesend & North Kent Hospital.	-	Wednesday - General clinic
<u>Telephone No:</u>	-	Thursday morning refill clinic
Gravesend 67812	-	Saturday morning 9a.m. - 11a.m. (children only)

2. School clinics

Elm House,  
15, New Road Avenue, Chatham.

- 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday  
afternoons

K.C.C. Clinic,  
Gun Lane, Strood.

- Every Wednesday afternoon  
4 - 5 p.m.

90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend.

- Wednesday & Friday 9 - 10 a.m.

3. Dental (children attend by appointment except in emergencies)

Elm House,  
15, New Road Avenue, Chatham.

- Monday and Thursday

Gun Lane, Strood.

- Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend

- Monday to Friday

The mobile dental clinic visits schools in the area as circumstances permit.

4. Specialist (children attend by appointment)

Child Guidance

Telephone No:

118, Maidstone Road, Chatham

- Medway 42098

Ophthalmic

118, Maidstone Road, Chatham

- Every Monday - all day  
- Every Friday morning

Gravesend Hospital, Gravesend

- Tuesday mornings  
- Thursday afternoons

90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend

- Thursday mornings

Speech defects

118, Maidstone Road, Chatham

- by appointment

90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend

- Monday & Friday

Marlborough Road, Gillingham

- Monday, Tuesday morning,  
- Thursday and Friday

## CHILD WELFARE CENTRES

These centres are open between 2 and 4p.m. on the days given except where otherwise indicated for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of infants and children under the age of five years. Certain infant foods, national dried milk and vitamin products may be obtained at these centres. A Medical Officer and a Health Visitor are in attendance at each centre.

### Child Welfare Centres for Strood Rural District -

Cliffe	- Co-operative Hall,	1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays
Cobham	- The Meadow Rooms, The Street,	2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Cuxton	- Social Club & Working- mens Inst., Bush Road	2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Frindsbury Extra	- Workingmens Institute, Wainscott,	Thursdays
Halling	- Church Hall, Vicarage Road,	1st and 3rd Fridays
Harvel, Meopham	- Village Hall,	2nd and 4th Wednesdays
Higham	- Village Memorial Hall, School Lane,	2nd, 4th and 5th Fridays
High Halstow	- Recreation Hall,	2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Hoo	- Village Hall,	Wednesdays, Thursdays 10a.m.-12 noon
Isle of Grain	- New Village Hall,	1st and 3rd Fridays
Meopham	- Village Hall,	Thursdays
Shorne	- Village Hall,	2nd and 4th Thursdays
Stoke	- British Legion Hall,	2nd and 4th Fridays
Strood	- Gun Lane,	Tuesdays and Wednesdays Fridays 10a.m. - 12 noon.

## DISTRIBUTION OF WELFARE FOODS

The following are main distribution centres adjacent to the Strood Rural District:-

District Office,	Gun Lane, Strood.
District Office,	Arthur Street, Gravesend.
Elm House,	New Road Avenue, Chatham.

Welfare foods are also issued from Child Welfare Centres referred to on page 39.

## DISTRICT OFFICERS

These officers are responsible for:-

1. Duties as Mental Welfare Officers under the Mental Health Act, 1959.
2. Acting as representatives of the County Health Department in dealing with enquiries made by the Public and arranging for County Health Services to be made available in cases of difficulty.
3. Distribution of welfare foods.
4. Carrying out the duties of the County Council under the National Assistance Act in:-
  - (a) dealing with applications for admission of old, handicapped and homeless persons for residential establishments other than in cases of sickness;
  - (b) the care of moveable property of patients who are admitted to hospital or a residential establishment provided by the Council where it appears that there is danger of loss or damage to the property;
  - (c) welfare of handicapped persons;

## District Officers and Assistants:-

Rochester	-	Office:- Gun Lane, Strood,	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 77542
		Hours:- 8.45a.m.-1p.m. 2.15p.m. - 5.30p.m.	( Monday to Friday

## District Officers and Assistants - continued

Rochester	-	Officer:-	Mr. E. Farrell, 20, Bramble Tree Cres., Borstal, Rochester.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 41082
		Assistant Officer:-	Mr. A.B. Bottle, 2, MacDonald Road, Gillingham.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 53180
		Assistant Officer:-	Mrs. K.M.B. Carter, "Lucan View", Whitepost Lane, Culverstone, Meopham.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Fairseat 639
		Assistant Officer:-	Mr. R.G.R. Carter, 41, Allington Drive, Strood.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 79366
		Assistant Officer:-	Mr. F. Dutton, Top Flat, 18, City Way, Rochester.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 45724
Gravesend	-	Office:	Arthur Street, Gravesend.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Gravesend 2166
		Officer:-	Mr. B.J. Fleming, 187, Old Road East, Gravesend.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Gravesend 66668
		Assistant Officer:-	Mr. P.S. Coast, 11, Coldharbour Road, Northfleet.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Gravesend 4877
		Assistant Officer:-	Mr. N.C.S. Moore, 62, Wrotham Road, Gravesend.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Gravesend 62115

## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

All enquiries regarding this service should be addressed to the District Officer (see above).

## Training Centre

A training centre for mentally subnormal persons is established at:-

Darnley Road, Strood.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 78153
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Hours of opening:- Ordinary school terms, Monday to Friday 10a.m. - 3.30p.m.

A Home Teacher for mentally subnormal and severely subnormal persons is also available in the area.

All enquiries regarding the Training Centre and Home Teaching should be addressed to the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.

#### DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY SERVICE

This free service of the County Council provides midwives to attend women in their own home.

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of midwives are given below:-

Cliffe	)	Mrs. T.M. Morris,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Cooling	)	19, Higham Road,	
	)	Cliffe.	Cliffe 223
Frindsbury Extra	)	Miss E.L. Cloude,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Wainscott only	)	39, Gill Avenue,	
Chattenden	)	Wainscott, Frindsbury.	Medway 78556
Higham	)	Mrs. S. Peoples,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Frindsbury Extra	)	8, Chilton Drive,	
less Upnor and	)	Higham.	Shorne 2309
Wainscott	)		
Cuxton	)	Mrs. E.T.D. Carter,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Halling	)	Forge House,	
	)	Bush Road, Cuxton.	Medway 78603
Frindsbury Extra	)	Miss E.K. Wright,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Part	)	22, Powlett Road,	
	)	Strood.	Medway 77557
Allhallows	)		
High Halstow	)		
Isle of Grain	)	No appointment	
St. Mary Hoo	)	at present	
Stoke.	)		
Hoo	)	Miss M.C. Day,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
less Chattenden	)	113, Main Road,	
	)	Hoo.	Hoo 266

Cobham	)	Miss E.M. Hudson,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Luddesdown	)	"Daveyhulme",	
Shorne	)	8, Crown Green, Shorne.	Shorne 2385
	)	Mrs. Jordon,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
	)	"Elmcroft",	
Meopham	)	Meopham Green,	Meopham 2329
	)	Meopham.	

Group relief for Hoo, Stoke and Wainscott:-

Mrs. T.M. Morris,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
19, Higham Road,	
Cliffe.	Cliffe 223

### HOME NURSING SERVICE

This service, which is also free, is provided by the attendance of nurses on persons who require nursing in their own homes. Apart from cases of emergency and accident, patients can only be attended when the nurse has been requested to do so by a doctor.

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of district nurses are given below:-

Cliffe	)	Mrs. T.M. Morris,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Cooling	)	19, Higham Road,	
Frindsbury Extra	)	Cliffe.	Cliffe 223
Wainscott only	)		

Higham	)	Mrs. S. Peoples,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Frindsbury Extra	)	8, Chilton Drive,	
less Upnor and	)	Higham.	Shorne 2309
Wainscott	)		

Frindsbury	)	Mrs. S.M. Workman,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Upnor only	)	100, City Way,	
	)	Rochester.	Medway 41377

Cuxton	)	Mrs. M.G. Skinner,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Halling	)	1, Montgomery Cottages,	
	)	Upper Halling, Halling.	Snodland 461

Allhallows	)		
High Halstow	)	No appointment	
Isle of Grain	)	at present	
St. Mary Hoo	)		
Stoke	)		

Hoo	)	Miss M.C. Day,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
less Chattenden	)	113, Main Road,	
	)	Hoo.	Hoo 266
Cobham	)	Miss E.M. Hudson,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Luddesdown	)	"Daveyhulme",	
Shorne	)	8, Crown Green,	Shorne 2385
	)	Shorne.	
	)	Mrs. Jordan,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Meopham	)	"Elmcroft",	
	)	Meopham Green,	Meopham 2329
	)	Meopham.	

Group relief for Hoo and Stoke:-

Mrs. T.M. Morris,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
19, Higham Road,	
Cliffe.	Cliffe 223

Group relief for Cuxton and Halling:-

Mrs. E.E. Collins,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
199, Frindsbury Hill,	
Frindsbury, Strood.	Medway 79336

### DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

Domestic help service may be provided in households where such help is needed owing to the presence of a person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, mentally subnormal, aged, or a child not over compulsory school age, but only where there is no able-bodied person in the household capable of carrying out the necessary household duties.

Applications for help should be made to the Domestic Help Organiser, 13, Gun Lane, Strood (Miss Dansy, Telephone No. Medway 77604) with the exception of residents in the Parishes of Cobham, Higham, Luddesdown, Meopham and Shorne who should apply to Mrs. Porter, District Office, Arthur Street, Gravesend (Telephone No. Gravesend 3899).

### NIGHT AND EVENING SERVICE

Evening service is provided for elderly people who are bedridden or housebound and have no one to assist them to prepare for the night and includes the provision of a light meal or hot drink and attention to fires. Night service is provided, for no longer than three weeks unless there are exceptional circumstances, for the care of seriously ill people who are living in their own homes and need attention during the night. In some cases the service is provided for one to three nights a week to give relief to relatives.

## FAMILY CARE SERVICE

This service is provided, in consultation with the Children's Committee, for the short-term care of children in their own homes during the absence of the mother. Help is given only to families where care of at least two children is involved and the period of service is limited to three months.

## FAMILY WELFARE SERVICE

This service is provided, with the parents' consent, in households where the habits, behaviour and standards of living of the family are much below those generally accepted in the society in which they live. The three main objectives of the service are to raise the standard of living of the families, to improve the welfare of the children, and to keep the families together and prevent their break-up. Intensive training for a period of three months is given and this is succeeded by a follow-on service for nine months.

## HEALTH VISITORS

These officers are appointed for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children, persons suffering from illness and expectant and nursing mothers, and as to the measures necessary to prevent the spread of certain infectious diseases.

The Health Visitors also undertake duties in connection with the School Health Service.

### Health Visitors for Strood Rural District

Cobham	)	Miss M.G.F. White,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Higham	)	The Nest,	
Luddesdown	)	107, Rochester Road,	Gravesend 5966
	)	Gravesend.	
Allhallows	)	Mrs. P.C.D. Brenton,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Cliffe	)	"The Moorings",	
Cooling	)	Dillywood Lane,	Medway 77586
High Halstow	)	Higham.	
Isle of Grain	)		
Stoke	)		
Cuxton	)	Miss G. Thornton,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Frindsbury Extra	)	1, Moat House,	
Halling	)	Rochester.	Medway 41841

Meopham ) Miss M.C. Craddock,  
          ) 20, Malvina Avenue,  
          ) Gravesend.

Shorne ) Miss C. James,                    Telephone No:  
          ) "The Nest",  
          ) 107, Rochester Road,        Gravesend 5966  
          ) Gravesend.

Chattenden ) Miss M.E. Harlow,                    Telephone No:  
Hoo         ) K.C.C. Clinic,  
St. Mary Hoo) Gun Lane, Strood.        Medway 79296

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX AND POLIOMYELITIS AND  
IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING-COUGH AND TETANUS

All medical practitioners have been invited to participate in the scheme which gives free vaccination against poliomyelitis and smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria, whooping-cough and tetanus. These services are also available at child welfare centres during the normal child welfare sessions.

Vaccine lymph is supplied by the Public Health Laboratory, Preston Hall, British Legion Village, Maidstone (Maidstone 78196 or 77239).

Vaccines for protection against poliomyelitis, diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis and diphtheria/tetanus are supplied by the Health Department, County Hall, Maidstone (Maidstone 54321 Ext.497).

NURSING REQUISITES

Arrangements have been made with the British Red Cross Society for the continuance of the Medical Loan Depots on behalf of the County Council. Various types of nursing requisites will be available and details of addresses and times when the depot are open for distribution are shown below. Requests for the loan of nursing requisites should be made to the District Officer.

Medical Loan Depots

Rochester - British Red Cross Society                    Telephone No:  
                  67, High Street, Rochester.  
                  Daily from 10a.m. - 5p.m.                    Medway 42997  
                  (except Wednesday after-  
                  noon and Saturday).

## Medical Loan Depots - continued

Gravesend - British Red Cross Society,  
Headquarters, 36, Pelham Road,  
Gravesend.  
Monday to Friday 3p.m. - 4.30p.m.  
or by appointment.

Bed and bedding can be supplied to patients on the recommendation of a doctor. The recommendation should be sent to the District Officer (see pages 40 and 41) who will make the necessary arrangements for their provision.

## CHIROPODY

Chiropody for the physically handicapped, old people and expectant mothers as follows:-

Welfare Centre, Wayfield Road, Chatham.	-	by appointment (Wednesday only)
K.C.C. Clinic, Gun Lane, Strood.	-	by appointment (daily)
Elm House, 15, New Road Ave., Chatham.	-	by appointment (Tuesday and Wednesday)
Welfare Centre, Malling Road, Snodland.	-	by appointment (Monday and Thursday)

## MINISTRY OF NATIONAL INSURANCE

Local Offices:-	Chatham Local Office, Crown House, The Brook, Chatham.	<u>Telephone No:</u>  Medway 44455
	Gravesend Local Office, "Ravenscourt", Pelham Road, Gravesend.	<u>Telephone No:</u>  Gravesend 64811

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

Local Office:-	5, Castle Hill, Rochester,	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 42237
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## HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hospitals providing services normally available to medical practitioners for residents within the Strood Rural District are as follows:-

All Saints' Hospital, Magpie Hall Road, Chatham.

(Telephone No. Medway 41212-5)

Medical, Surgical, Maternity, Gynaecology, E.N.T.  
Paediatric, Infectious Diseases, Geriatric and Mental.

Outpatient facilities are also available in the following specialities:-

Dermatology, Physical Medicine, Orthopaedic and  
Consultant Dentistry, Psychiatry.

St. William's Hospital, St. William's Way, Rochester.

(Telephone No. Medway 43243)

Post operative and Radiotherapy.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, New Road, Rochester.

(Telephone No. Medway 41511-4)

Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic and Paediatric.

Outpatient facilities are also available in the following specialities:-

Dermatology, Neurology, Physical Medicine, Ophthalmology,  
Plastic Surgery, Radiotherapy, Consultant Dentistry and  
Psychiatry.

Keycol Hill Hospital, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne.

(Telephone No. Newington 222)

Infectious diseases.

Gravesend & North Kent Hospital, Gravesend.

(Telephone No. Gravesend 67812)

Medical, Surgical, Maternity, Gynaecology, Paediatric,  
Orthopaedic.

Hospital services - continued

Gravesend & North Kent Hospital

Outpatient facilities are also available in the following specialities:-

Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Dentistry, Psychiatry, E.N.T.

River Hospital, Joyce Green, Dartford.

(Telephone No. Dartford 23231)

Infectious diseases.

Milton Regis Hospital, North Street, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne.

(Telephone No. Sittingbourne 3168)

Geriatric (longer-stay units)

St. James' Hospital, Trafalgar Road, Gravesend, Kent.

(Telephone No. Gravesend 2139)

Geriatric (longer-stay units)

VENEREAL DISEASE CLINICS

36, New Road, Rochester.

Mondays 1.30 - 4.30 p.m.

Telephone No: Medway 43343

Thursdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

22, Cobham Street, Gravesend.

Men 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesdays  
9 - 10 a.m. Saturdays

Telephone No. Gravesend  
3061

Women 1 - 2 p.m. Tuesdays  
9 - 10 a.m. Saturdays

Abstract from Annual Return 1963

<u>New cases</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Syphilis.....	1	-	1
Gonorrhoea.....	12	3	15
Non-Venereal.....	41	12	53
Total number of attendances.....			261

